

CAMPAIGN FINANCE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**

DATE: 5/25/2021
DOCKET #:

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Gary Ortego
Office: District Judge, 13th Judicial District Court, Division A
Parish: EVANGELINE
Election Date: 11/3/2020
Level of Office: District

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: 30-P
Original Due Date: 10/5/2020
Date Filed: 10/15/2020
Activity Receipts: \$0
Expenditures: \$0
Funds at Close of Reporting Period: \$0

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$600
Days Late: 10
Late Fee Order Received: 12/8/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/28/2020
Waiver Request Received: 12/10/2020
Additional Information Requested:

- Medical
- Financial
- Other

COMMENTS: Candidate submitted waiver request by fax and mail. He states he was confused because he was an incumbent Judge and he received a notice from the Supreme court after filing his Financial Disclosure Statement saying that he had no further actions necessary as to the election and he mistakenly understood this included any further filings or reports including the Board of Ethics since he was unopposed. He said he had no receipts or expenditures,

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Campaign Finance:

Other Outstanding Reports: No
Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No
Reassessed Late Fees: No

Disclosure Statements:

Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
Prior Late Fees: No



State of Louisiana

Judiciary Department

Thirteenth Judicial District

December 10, 2020

Gary J. Ortego
District Judge, Division A

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VIA FACSIMILE & Ordinary Mail

Louisiana Board of Ethics
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RE: Late fee assessment for November 3, 2020 Election
30-P Campaign Finance Disclosure Report

Dear Sir/Madam:

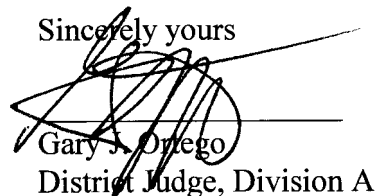
I am writing this correspondence as a follow-up to your December 7, 2020 letter and Late Fee Assessment Order dated December 7, 2020, and as a formal request for waiver of said late fee by the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Firstly, I wish to express my thanks to the Board's excellent staff for their explanation and assistance provided to me and my staff as to this very embarrassing error on my part herein.

As to the requested waiver, and immediately upon receipt of my initial notice of same, my office contacted your staff and with their assistance filed my report electronically on October 10, 2020. Although, I, as the candidate, take full responsibility for said failure to timely file said report, and as discussed with your staff, the "confusion" for me and my staff occurred when I, as an incumbent judge, received a notice from the LA. Supreme Court that pursuant to my previously timely filing of my "Financial Disclosure Statement" for 2019, that there were no further actions necessary as to this election therein. I mistakenly understood that this included any further filings or reports, including with the La. Board of Ethics too, since I had no opposition for my re-election, and I, as a candidate, did not have or receive any monies, expenses, and/or donations to report therein. Additionally, and otherwise, I would have filed said report timely, as I have done in the past as a candidate and previous elections. Therefore, I humbly request that the Louisiana Board of Ethics grant a "waiver" of the Late Fee Assessment Order of December 7, 2020 herein. If not, then I will immediately forward my personal funds for the full payment of said assessed late fees.

Thanking the Board and your staff for your past and continuing assistance, I remain,

Sincerely yours


Gary J. Ortego
District Judge, Division A

State of Louisiana

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